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October 14, 2020

David J. Bradley, Clerk

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
LAREDO DIVISION

AXEL BROKERS, INC.,	§	
	§	
Plaintiff,	§	
VS.	§	CIVIL ACTION NO. 5:19-CV-90
	§	
UNITED FIRE & CASUALTY	§	
COMPANY, <i>et al</i> ,	§	
	§	
Defendants.	§	

ADVISORY

The parties have filed a Joint Stipulation of Voluntary Dismissal with Prejudice (Dkt. No. 28). Parties in a civil suit may generally dismiss the suit without a court order upon the filing of a stipulation of dismissal “signed by all parties who have appeared.” Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(a)(1)(A)(ii). This general rule is subject to limitations in class action suits, shareholder derivative suits, and suits where the Court has appointed a receiver. Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(a). None of those limitations apply here. Thus, because the Stipulation is signed by all parties who have appeared in this case, all of Plaintiff’s claims were dismissed with prejudice “effective upon [the] filing” of the Stipulation of Dismissal. *SmallBizPros, Inc. v. MacDonald*, 618 F.3d 458, 463 (5th Cir. 2010) (“Because filing a voluntary stipulation of dismissal . . . is effective immediately, any action by the district court after the filing of such a stipulation can have no force or effect because the matter has already been dismissed by the parties themselves without any court action.”).

The Clerk of Court is **DIRECTED** to **CLOSE** this case.

SIGNED October 14, 2020.



Marina Garcia Marmolejo
United States District Judge